exemption from price control to the company in respect of the drug for which technology has been developed by them through own R&D efforts or through National laboratories for a period of 5 years from the date of commercial production.

(e) The benefit in question has not been extended to any company so far.

(f) Does not arise.

Price of proluton depot

758. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the price of Proluton Depot at present and what was the price before DPCO, 1987;

(b) whether it is a fact that this product is outside price control;

(c) what is the bulk drug price and mark up shown in the break up submitted to his Ministry for this product;

(d) whether it is a fact that the bulk drug is likely to be imported by the company from their principals;

(e) if so, what is the quantity imported during the last three years, year-wise and what was the average CIF Price each year;

(f) whether it is also a fact that the price per injection is very high;

(g) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry have received a number of representations for inclusion of this product under price control; and

(h) if so, the action taken so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) the price of Proluton Depot Inj. 5 ampx2ml. pack size is given below:—

Price before DPCO, 1987	Present Price
Rs. 169·00	Rs. 197·50 (18-12-90)

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The bulk drug retail price as per Form-5 submitted by the company on 16-4-90 is Rs. 15.44.28/Kg.

(d) and (e) Import of individual drug by individual company is not monitored.

(f) The bulk drug in question is outside the price control.

(g) and (h) Yes, Sir. These are under consideration of the Government.

BICP's report on the price of Sulphamoxole

759. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) when did BICP send its report to Government on the price of Sulphamoxole and when the price was fixed;

(b) what was the earlier price and revised price per kg.;

(c) whether it is a fact that the recommendation was for the reduction of price;

(d) whether it is also a fact that there was abnormal delay in taking the decision on the report;

(e) whether it is also a fact that company was benefited by with holding the decision for reduction in price;

(f) what was the benefit to the company and what was the captive consumption and sale of formulation based on drugs during that period; and

(g) what steps have been taken to fix responsibility for this anti-consumer Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The BICP sent its report on the price of Sulphamoxole in June, 1990 and the price was notified on 3rd June, 1991.

(b) The earlier price of Sulphamoxole was Rs. 430/kg and the notified price of Rs. 399/kg.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Reduction in price was decided after full examination, which took some time.

(f) and (g) Do not arise.

Price increase of Metranidazole

760. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry have allowed price increase of Metranidazole after March, 1991;

(b) if so, what was the earlier price and what is the revised price;

(c) whether it is also a fact that BICP has taken the rate of Glyoxyl on very high side which is the main raw material for the production of bulk drug;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the price of Glyoxyl was based on isolated transaction and this rate has been used to inflate the price; and

(e) what was the price of Glyoxyl taken in the Costing of Metranidazole?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (e) The price of Metranidazole was revised from Rs. 428/- per kg. to Rs. 453/- per kg. with effect from 9-5-1991. On the basis of available information, there is only one producer of Glyoxyl in the country. After getting full details regarding price of Glyoxyl, further price revision of Metranidazole will be considered.

Set off allowed to drug companies

761. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that special Team appointed by his Ministry to assess liabilities have allowed set offs;

(b) if so, names of the companies whom set offs were allowed;

(c) what are the details and break up of set offs allowed in each case;

(d) whether it is also a fact that set offs are not allowed according to Drugs Price Control Order;

(e) whether it is also a fact that Delhi High Court did not concede the plea of set offs in one of the case;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) what are the basis on which Special Team allowed set offs and what steps have been taken so far to rectify the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (g) On receipt of complaints regarding the computations made by the special Team, it was decided last year to review all their recommendations and the events thereafter. Accordingly reviewed tentative calculations have since been made in a number of cases and communicated to the concerned companies. For the remaining, the revised calculations will be made soon after receipt of complete details which have already been asked for.

Representations for inclusion of Glybenclamide under price control

762. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry have received a number of representations for inclusion of Glybenclamide under price control;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these representations were referred to High Power Committee for their consideration;

(c) if so, when these representations were referred to the Committee;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Committee have sent their recommendations; and

(e) if so, when and what action has been taken so far;